

DANBY NEWS

DROP OFF SHOE DRIVE

Submitted by Cindy Ceracche

DO YOU HAVE SHOES that you no longer need or want? Can you help raise money for the Twin Tiers Honor Flight? It's easy! Would you ever think that donating your gently worn, used or new shoes could help raise money to take our Honored Veterans to Washington DC? Well, they can and here's how.

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The shoes we collect will be kept out of landfills and will help others in developing nations start micro-enterprises that will create sustainable incomes for their families and, at the same time, raise much needed funds for TTHF!

I will have a covered trash can at the end of my driveway, 338 Gunderman Road, through September 30, 2022. Drop off your donated footwear anytime of the day or night. Shoes can also be dropped off at the American Legion on Danby Road or at the Danby Church. Thank you!

For more information, visit [twintiershonorflight.org] or call 607.339.9269.



The Danby Bear out for a midnight stroll near Steam Mill Road

photo by Brian Allis

HATCHET AND KNIFE THROWING

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

THE DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL IS EXCITED to present an afternoon of Hatchet and Knife throwing featuring World Champion Paul Maccarone. We'll get together in Dotson Park on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2pm to hear the whoosh of hatchets and knives...and the "thunk" as they hit targets.

Watch and learn about the mesmerizing, unique skills of Danby resident and world champion knife thrower, Paul Maccarone. Paul and his wife Christine O'Brien have agreed to give us an afternoon demonstration of this little known international sport. We'll start with a chance to explore some of the interesting tools and memorabilia the couple has collected over the years.

Once we're all gathered, Paul will demonstrate his lightning-fast throws at distances ranging from 10 to 30 feet. Blades weighing between $\frac{3}{4}$ and $1\frac{1}{4}$ pounds zip through the air at 30-50 miles per hour. While Paul concentrates on the accuracy of his throws, Christine—an active scorekeeper for competitions during the past decade—will share her own knowledge of what is happening and why.

The couple emphasizes that they are involved in knife throwing purely as a sport and for the love of competition. As used in their hands, these are not weapons but implements for target sport. We're hoping that Paul Paul will demonstrate his *Fast Draw* style and precision throwing using playing cards as targets.

Safety is paramount for this sport. "When done responsibly, this is a very safe sport," Maccarone assures us. The biggest danger comes from bounce-backs off the target. With that in mind, the throwing area will be roped off so that no one is in danger. This will be fun, interesting, and safe for the entire family.

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**DANBY NEWS NOTES**

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Before submitting an item for the Danby News, please have a look at the *Submission Guidelines*. You can request them by Email from the editor at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or find them at [danbyny.org/DanbyNews]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the *Guidelines* and the *Submission Guide-*

lines at the same web location.

You'll learn what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to include it; generally, we print everything we receive! You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page. ☘

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS:

PAUL MACCARONE: *MAC THE KNIFE*

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

IF YOU BUMP INTO PAUL MACCARONE and his wife, Christine O'Brien, at a local community dinner or *Sundaes on Wednesday* at the Danby Community Church, they'll be more than happy to tell you about Paul's favorite sport and life avocation. Paul Maccarone, on Yaple Road, is an antique dealer and a world champion knife thrower.

Originally from Canastota, NY, Maccarone and O'Brien have lived in Danby for the past 14 years. After 20 years with Stickley Furniture, Paul is now self-employed, buying and selling antiques. These days he mostly sells furniture treasures from a booth at Bostwick Antique Mall on NYS Rt.96 in Catatonk.



Christine O'Brien is a project manager in Human Resources Information Services at Cornell and president of the local Project Managers professional organization. She relaxes from a busy professional life by training her Australian Shepherds for agility competition ...and doing a bit of recreational knife throwing. "Chris also competes in knife throwing, at the amateur level," Paul says, "and she's very knowledgeable. She's been doing scorekeeping for eight or ten years and initiated a bracket system that is still in use. And, she's a really good teacher."

Maccarone has always been interested in knives. "When I was about eight, my dad gave me a pocket knife, and my first inclination was to throw it," Paul says. "I firmly believe that it's in our DNA to be strongly attracted to throwing knives. It goes back to the days of cavemen."

By his teen years, Maccarone was able to get knives designed for throwing. "While organized knife throwing existed in the 1960s, there was very little publicity. Since then, there has been, a huge upswing in interest," Paul says. "Knife throwing even has a connection with NASA and the space program. People would be surprised by some throwing trivia."

Maccarone went to his first competition in Pennsylvania, and realized that this a sport he was passionate about, and also one that he and Chris enjoy its social aspects. They have made many friends and traveled lots of miles so Mac-

carone could compete. In 2019, Paul represented Team USA at the World Championships of Knife and Axe Throwing in Great Britain. Paul and Chris are happy to be able to travel again to events sanctioned by the International Knife Throwers Hall of Fame, a 500-plus member organization based in Ontario, Canada.

Maccarone has even hosted knife throwing events at his home. In back of his nondescript front yard in Danby he sets up a custom-built knife throwing range in the woods. For one event, nine targets were affixed to a big (about 10 feet by 30 feet) wall, several chairs set up for spectators and idle throwers. A spectator jokingly asked Paul if he used a metal detector to locate knives and axes that went over the wall into the woods. He politely smiled and assured them that a metal detector was rarely needed. Then, he proceeded to bury nine knives in a row into the bullseye.

In 2016, Paul won the Long Distance World Championship (burying the knife with a record throw of 73 feet, 11 inches).

He also was inducted into the International Knife Throwers Hall of Fame.

Earlier this year, in mid-July, Paul earned another feather in his cap. He became the first person to be Champion in *Fast Draw* four times in a row. For the fast draw competition, the thrower needs to be both fast and accurate. Throws are measured with electronic timers, and take less than a second from belt sheath to "thunk" in the target. Winning throws differ only by thousandths of a second.

He had some impressive competition, including a Hollywood stuntman who throws professionally on-screen, and an Army Special Forces paratrooper. "These are big impressive guys—the stunt man looks like a big mountain man. Compared to them, I don't look the part. I look like a slow turtle...but my reaction time is really fast," Paul said. "It couldn't have gone much better for me that day."

"This is purely sport for us," Paul adds. "We're interested in the 'thunk' and the competition." Between competitive knife throwing and competitive dog trials, we might wonder when they have time for work. They are happy, living their good life. ❀

Danby's Community Council wants us all to get to know each other better. This series of short profiles of interesting folks who live here is one way. Do you have an idea for someone to highlight? Let us know. ❀

REMINISCING

Submitted by Gay Huddle

I WROTE MY FIRST *TOWN TALK* COLUMN for the Ithaca Journal on September 4, 2004. Since the Journal no longer prints local material like *Town Talk*, I thought readers of the Danby News might like to read bits and pieces of our history. I call this Reminiscing.

In my very first column I wrote about events going on at the Danby Pirates Club, the “new” Danby Market (located where the Danby Gathery is now; I sure miss that market and its “Country Scoop” ice cream window), and Scottish music at the Danby Town Hall, where Danby’s own Pamela Goddard joined in the performance! Pamela still enjoys performing today.

The 2004 Danby Fun Day (which evolved through the years to include a parade) was declared a success and the date of the 2005 event was announced. The Danby Seniors (still currently meeting and very actively going on special trips together) were headed to Old Forge. To this day, the Adirondack Mountains are a very favorite vacation spot for Garry and me!

I wrote about fishing and swimming at the Danby/Jennings Pond on Bald Hill Road. I am reminded now how much time and energy Amy Cusimano put into getting the pond ready for folks, and I was sad to learn of Amy’s recent passing.

And last but not least, I announced the birth of my friends Trudy and Lyn Cism’s first grandchild, Josephine Covell. Born on September 4, 2004, to Cheryl Cism Covell and her husband, Tom. Josie is now heading to SUNY New Paltz to study Early Childhood Education. Congratulations, Josie! Grandparents Trudy and Lyn Cism, long-time Danby friends and neighbors, have both passed and they are missed. Josie’s aunt, Renee Cism, tells me she is “a very proud Auntie!” ❀

THANKS TO THE WD FIRE DEP’T

Submitted by Steve Lawrence

I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to the members of the West Danby Fire Department for their timely and professional response to a medical emergency I experienced in May.

Four days after a cardiac ablation procedure, I was experiencing some unfamiliar arrhythmia and, of course, I was very concerned. I called 9-1-1 and the dispatcher stayed on the line with me, asking the relevant questions and I soon heard the sirens. While waiting for Bangs’

COFFEE TREES COME TO DANBY

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, ANDY SCHMITZ, director of S Brenton Arboretum in Dallas County, IA, drove thousands of miles, looking for the rare Kentucky coffee tree. He wanted to collect seeds from every naturally-growing population he could find. He visited Ithaca and, yes, he found some trees growing along Lake Shore Drive. The only other place he found them in New York was in Cayuga County...where the state’s largest coffee tree resides.

The coffee tree is an interesting tree with huge compound leaves, furrowed bark, and a modest tap root. Both males and females produce flowers, with the females producing seed pods that look like flattened bananas. It likes full sun and can survive occasional wetness or dryness.

I’m interested in establishing the coffee tree in Danby. The DEC would like trees planted in the Danby State Forest, and I would like to see everyone in Danby with appropriate habitat to have trees. How will I do that? That’s where you come in.

I’ve been growing trees from a seed found under a tree on Eddy Street. There are more all round the city. I’d like to go out with a group and gather seeds in September and help people pot them up. The seeds usually germinate in twelve days. Some seeds we might try overwintering in a freezer. Do you have space? Any trees planted outdoors will need to be protected from wildlife.

I plan to have a Zoom meeting in mid-September to answer questions and discuss the details. Send your eMail address to [\[rondaroaring@hotmail.com\]](mailto:rondaroaring@hotmail.com) if you’d like to attend. For more info, google “exploring kentucky coffee”. ❀

Ambulance to arrive (20 minutes from Ithaca), the WDFD volunteers stayed with me, monitored me, transported me down to the bottom of my driveway after ascertaining that the overgrown brush would create an obstacle for the ambulance, directed traffic to create a safe loading zone, and were very helpful.

It turned out that my stay at the ER was brief, as my arrhythmia was related to dehydration, and I was fine. Many thanks to the volunteers, to the crew of Bangs Ambulance and to the staff at Cayuga Medical Center. I appreciate all of you. ❀

SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DANBY SENIORS will be on Thursday September 1, Noon in the Danby Community Church for a dish to share luncheon. In October we'll meet on the 6th and on the 3rd of November—always the first Thursday of the month.

We're working on plans for our December holiday luncheon and will let you know soon.

On Wednesday, November 30, Pat Phelps and the travel committee have put together a fun day trip to Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe, PA for an Elvis Christmas Show with Ryan Pelton. Cost is \$60 per person or \$65 for non-members and includes a nice served luncheon, the bus, tips, etc. Contact Pat at 607.227.6478 for more information.

Our July 28 trip to Skaneateles Lake was a great day. A good lunch at the Sherwood Inn followed by the boat tour, and then an ice cream stop in Homer. Thank you, Nancy Gould, for putting that one together! ❀

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DVFC SPAGHETTI DINNER

Submitted by Derek Dougherty

THE DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY along with West Danby Fire and Rescue will host a spaghetti dinner at the DVFC Station, 1780 Danby Road, on October 1, 5-7pm.

Check our web site [danbyfiredept.org] and Facebook page [fb.com/DanbyVolunteerFireCompany] for a menu, prices, and further details. Also, check out [westdanbyfire.com]!

SEPTIC UPGRADE FUNDING !

For Low-Income Properties

Tompkins County recently received funds from New York State for replacing On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems, a.k.a. *Septic Systems*.

The funds from this grant will be used for the upgrade of substandard septic systems in single-family, owner-occupied properties, including properties in Danby.

Occupants must be low-to-moderate in income, as per the online table (URL below), and the property's septic system must be in need of repair or replacement. Other requirements apply.

If you feel you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to request an application, contact Thoma Development Consultants, 607.753.1433 or visit the web site [tompkinscountyny.gov/health/eh/owts/tcsup]. ❀

RECYCLING NEWS

A NEW DROPOFF AREA FOR GLASS CONTAINERS has opened at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center on NYS Rt.13 in downtown Ithaca. Glass bottles and jars collected at the drop off are separate from other materials, so they have a higher degree of purity and can be recycled into new bottles and jars. This great option allows material to go to the best possible end use.

Holiday Closings

The Solid Waste and Recycling Center is closed on Labor Day, September 5. Curbside recycling is delayed one day for rest of that week.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

October 15 and November 19



YESTERDAY'S OFFICE TOOLS

Submitted by Ted Crane

GO TO ANY OFFICE TODAY and what will you find everyone using? A computer or something involving digital chips, in one shape or another. Oh, maybe you'll find a scissor or a dingy ruler in a drawer, or even a letter opener, but the era of mechanical tools has passed.

Lots of clever office tools, however, are a dime-a-dozen (adjusted for inflation) at yard sales, if you know what to look for. At each of the last two Community Church Re-Use sales, I've picked up a winner.

First up is the *Paper Welder*. This clever tool—it's in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art—appeared on the scene around 1940. It's a sortof/kindof replacement for a paper clip. According to the *American Stationer*, "The paper welder worked by compressing two or more sheets of paper between metal teeth/gears forming interlocking slots." The papers would stay together, as long as you didn't pull hard. It's the larger object in the photo.

And then there's the needle sorter. It's a way to filter and sort information without electricity or computers. Imagine (well, look at the picture) a card bordered with a ring of holes. Below each hole there's a label indicating the hole's two meanings. Say, either *Hot* and *Cold*.

A card for something that's hot might leave the hole as is, but if it was something cold, well, you'd take a special tool (see picture below) and punch out the section of paper between the hole and the edge of the card.

Time to sort for temperature? Stack all the cards together and insert a needle through the appropriate hole.



Paper welder, model D or E, welded papers, and needle sort punch.

photo by Ted Crane

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Cindy Parlett

IS SUMMER REALLY GONE? A new selection of Children's books has arrived from TCPL and our Fall selection of books are now on display. Our collection of LT (large type) is ever expanding.

DVD

- King Richard

Adult Fiction

- *Born Standing Up* by Steve Martin.
- *Sugar Cage* by Connie May Fowler
- *Bailey's Cafe* by Gloria Naylor
- *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- *Dead Wake* by Erik Larsen
- *The Complete Birdhouse Book* by Donald & Lillian Stokes
- *Bastard out of Carolina* by Dorothy Allison

Three New James Patterson books!

- Deadly Cross
- Escape
- Fear No Evil

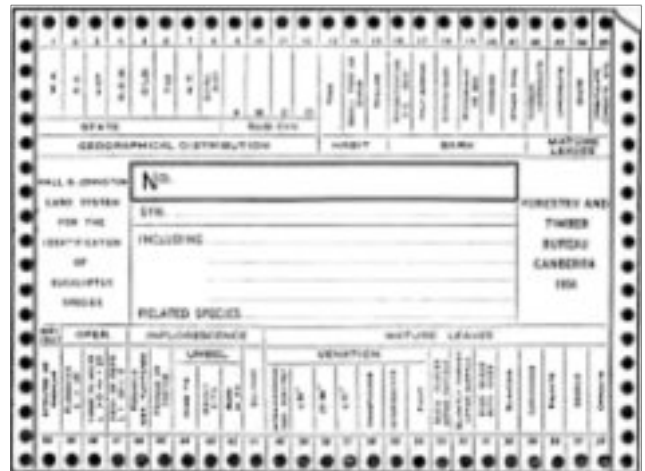
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You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.

—Paul Sweeney ♣

When you let go of the cards, all those representing cold—the punched cards—will fall out of the deck. Voila. The original punch card!

The *needle sort punch* is the smaller object in the picture. Unlike modern hole punches made of thin, bent metal or plastic, it's solid and heavy. It'll be punching its weight for many years to come. ♣



DCC UPDATE: TIME TO SUBSCRIBE

ONCE AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL offers its thanks to the many friends who have already stepped up with donations and subscriptions. This issue of the *Danby News* includes an initial list of *The Danby 100*—residents who have made significant donations to help us mail the newsletter to everyone in Danby.

Although we are competing—by their choice—with a high-priced publication funded by involuntary taxpayer dollars, we believe the *Danby News* can be self-sufficient. It will take a significant number of readers to subscribe (\$10 covers the cost of 12 issues and \$15 is even better) and a fair number of *Danby 100* donations. We're happy to have you identify and assist us with grant funding.

The *Danby News* remains a place for community connection and information. The Community Council will continue the *Danby News*, with...a little help from our friends.

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NOT JUST IN TEXTBOOKS

Submitted by M.A. Barr

BELIEVE IT OR NOT we, the regular people and our day-to-day activities, are who and what make history what it is. People like Danby-ites who write. Local authors bring unique insights to both fiction and non-fiction. Take the Payton family of Danby who have contributed their viewpoint as authors. Their books are currently being displayed on the shelf above the Historian's bulletin board in the large meeting room at Town Hall.

Four new books of local interest have just been added to the Town Historian's library. They are:

- *Permanent Residents* (about people buried in our cemeteries) by the Tompkins County Town Historians
- *Political Tompkins: Presidential Elections in Tompkins County Since 1828* by Joe Mareane, the former Tompkins County Administrator
- *Send These to Me: Immigration and Ethnicity in Tompkins County* by Elaine Engst & Carol Kammen
- *The Gayogohonq: People in the Cayuga Lake Region* by Kurt Jordan ❀

COMMUNITY MUSIC SWAP, SEPTEMBER

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Community Council

OUR FIRST *ALL STYLES MUSIC JAM* was held on a hot August Sunday afternoon and it was big fun. We had hammered dulcimers, guitars, fiddles, drums, kazoo, harp, and lots of voices sharing songs. Neighbors and their friends got to know each other, sharing music and laughter. At the end, there was encouragement to do this again.

So...why not? While the weather is still comfortable, we'll meet again in Dotson Park under the small pavilion and around the picnic tables. A second Community Music Swap will take place on Sunday, September 18, 2-5pm. All styles of music are welcome, whether it's old time fiddle tunes, folk songs (with or without guitar), jazz improvisations, or short classical pieces. What type of music will there be in September? That depends on who shows up. Maybe more, or different musicians--and those who love local, homemade music--will come out. Surprise us! We'll all be delighted.

Or, just come to listen. There's room and abundant welcome. Due to other events in September, this one will not have a rain date, so let's hope for good weather. Light rain is not a problem, the pavilion roof will keep us dry.

Got questions? Contact Pamela Goddard [pgoddard@danbycc.org]. Want to invite out-of-town friends? Please do! BYO beverage and instruments (note: no electricity available) If you have a favorite chair, bring it...but there are plenty of benches. The park should be lovely in mid-September. ❀



The All-Styles Music Jam
in Dotson Park, August 2022 photo by MAB's fiend, Pat

DANBY NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Sep 1 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • Seniors Meeting
 7pm 🏠 Zoom • Danby Community Council Mtg

Sep 3 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting

Sep 6 • Tue

6pm 🏠 Zoom • Town Board Meeting
 Public Hearing: Zoning Change at Bald Hill & Lieb

Sep 7 • Wed

5pm 🏠 Zoom • West Danby Water District

Sep 11 • Sun

2-5pm 🏠 Dotson Park • DCC Presents
 Knife and Hatchet Throwing w/ Paul Maccarone

Sep 12 • Mon

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting
 7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Station • WD Fire Dep't Mtg

Sep 13 • Tue

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting
 7pm 🏠 Zoom • Conservation Advisory Council

Sep 15 • Thu

4pm 🏠 Community Church • Danby Food Pantry

Sep 16 • Fri

4pm 🏠 Dotson Park • Danby Summer Market

Sep 18 • Sun

2-5pm 🏠 Dotson Park • DCC Presents
 Danby Music Jam

Sep 20 • Tue

7pm 🏠 Zoom • Planning Board Meeting

Sep 21 • Wed

6pm 🏠 Zoom • Town Board Meeting

Sep 27 • Tue

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting

Oct 1 • Sat

9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
 5-7pm 🏠 DVFC Station • Spaghetti Dinner

Oct 4 • Tue

6pm 🏠 Zoom • Town Board Meeting
 7pm 🏠 DVFC Station/YouTube • Fire District Meeting

Oct 5 • Wed

5pm 🏠 Zoom • West Danby Water District

Oct 6 • Thu

Noon 🏠 Community Church • Seniors Meeting
 7pm 🏠 Zoom • Danby Community Council Mtg

Oct 10 • Mon

7pm 🏠 DVFC Station • Fire Dep't Meeting
 7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Station • WD Fire Dep't Mtg

Ongoing Events

Seniors Strength Class 🏠 via Zoom

Mondays, 9–10am: [zoom.us/j/84819023648]

Thursdays, 9–10am: [zoom.us/j/87163913959]

Contact [jmchurch@twcny.rr.com] for info

Danby Community Library 🏠 Town Hall

Tuesday, 1–3pm; Thursday & Saturday, 10am–Noon

Curbside pickup available; can return in drop box.

Food Scrap Recycling 🏠 Town Hall 🔄🔄🔄🔄

Saturdays, 9am–Noon

AA Meeting 🏠 via Zoom: [zoom.us/j/8209358263]

Wednesdays, 7pm

Where Things Happen

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 DVFC Station • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 WDFD Station • 47 Sylvan Drive, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Community Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road

Meeting	Date	Zoom MtgID	Passcode
Town Board	Sep 6	962 1625 1190	071939
CAC	Sep 13	972 1566 0090	423584
Planning Board	Sep 20	958 0817 5336	245871
Town Board	Sep 21	990 7294 9108	569826
Zoning Appeals	None, yet	953 8273 3938	None?
To join a meeting by telephone, call 646.876.9923			

Warning: Zoom meeting info and agendas change frequently!